

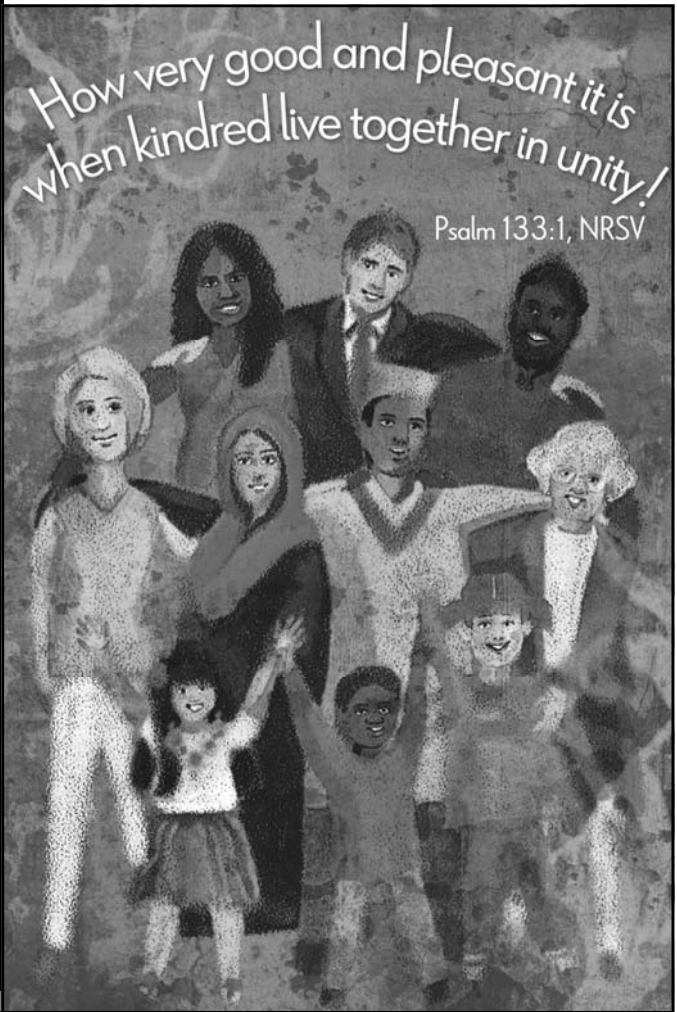


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JUNE 2012



*How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!*

Psalm 133:1, NRSV

Worship the Lord with Us!

Sunday Worship

Traditional Worship Service: 8:30 am

Sunday School for all ages: 9:30 am

Contemporary Worship Service: 10:45 am

*Listen to "A Place of Grace"
every Sunday at 11:00 AM on 560 WFIL.*

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The submission deadline for the *July* issue of Windows is June 8th.

***THANK YOU FOR
SUPPORTING WINDOWS!***



From The Pastor's Heart



Early one morning, in the midst of a busy time, as I was seeking the Lord, I read this scripture and devotion by Mark Roberts which I use to share my thoughts with you. He talked about being surrounded, how it caught my attention, My mind began to race and think about the things I am surrounded by everyday. Some things are of my own choosing and then there are other things that are just in my life. The old adage you can pick your friends but your relatives are a gift from God applies. You probably are saying, "Pastor Sam that's not how I remember it!" We all know that there are people, situations, relationships and jobs and financial issues in short the stuff of life that can surround us and even down right consumes us.

The psalmist David uses the image of being surrounded in an opposite sense than we often can think about. The psalmist envisions Jerusalem circled with mountains, seeing in that image a picture of God's presence and protection: "*Just as the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people, both now and forever.*" (125:2) In this case, the announced' "You're surrounded!" is good news. It means: "You are surrounded by God. He will protect you. He will always be with you. You are safe because you are surrounded."

I know how it feels to be surrounded by mountains. My grandmother lived in Western Pa and she lived in the Valley surrounded by the Appalachian Mountains. In this valley, one can feel enveloped in the strength and beauty of the mountains, a moving reminder of God's own strength and beauty. Do you need to feel surrounded by God today? Do you need reassurance of his presence and strength? Do you need to know that God will protect you, that your life is in his mighty, tender hands? Remember, even as the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people, including you.

As the summer months are upon us I invite you to be intentional in being surrounded by the presence of God. Take a walk, a jog or bike ride, sit beside a lake or maybe just relax in your backyard and let God surround you as you seek the Lord! Here at the church we will continue to provide opportunities for that through our worship times, bible studies, small group experiences, as well as prayer picnic and other special times.

Here are some questions you can ask yourself as you think about God's presence surrounding you: When have you felt surrounded by God's loving presence? What difference might it make in your life if you were to live with the assurance of God's consistent protection? What helps you to feel "surrounded" by God?

Our prayer together can be: *O Lord, thank you for the promise of Psalm 125, and for the image of being surrounded by you even as Jerusalem is surrounded by mountains. What a reassuring and comforting picture! Help me, Lord, to live each day with confidence in you. May I know that you are surrounding me, even when circumstances make me feel vulnerable and unsafe. Help me to trust in your presence and protection. I think of people in my life who need to know that you are surrounding them today...(pray them to the Lord.)*

And as apostle Paul spoke this blessing upon the church in Rome I pray this for my church family. *"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him...so you might overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ our Lord!" (Romans 15:13)*

In His Love and service
Pastor Sam



ATTENTION GRADUATES:

On Sunday, June 10th, we will be recognizing our 8th grade, high school, college and grad school graduates. Students or parents are asked to submit **IN WRITING** or by email (maria@fumccollingswood.org) the information about graduation. Please include the name of the graduate, middle school, high school or college and any info about future or continuing education. Please submit the information by Sunday, June 3rd.

COLLINGSWOOD BACCALAUREATE

The CHS Baccalaureate will be held here at the church on Monday, June 18th at 7:00 pm.

Greater NJ Annual Conference will be held in Valley Forge, PA from May 31st to June 2nd.

Church Membership Celebration Sunday is June 10, 2012

During our 10:45 am service, we will be receiving new members to our church. Please plan on being here to share and welcome our newest members.

**YOUNG FAMILY PICNIC & VOLLEYBALL
Friday, June 15th at 6:30 p.m. at the church.**



Please note the deadline for submissions for the July issue of Windows is June 8th. Submissions received after this date will likely not make it into the July newsletter due to a shortened production schedule for this issue. We will have an August issue of Windows for August news. However, space will be limited so please plan accordingly. Thank you!

FATHERS DAY - June 17th 2012

Pastor Sam will be preaching an special message

“What an Opportunity” - 1 Chronicles 12:32

Join us and bring a friend, for this this inspirational service for everyone as we also honor our men and fathers

Baby Bottles



Baby bottles are available in the baskets at the front and back of the church. Please return them on Father's Day, June 17th. One baby bottle per family please. Leave it in a prominent place in your home, fill it with silver coins, paper money and/or checks made payable to the Options for Women Pregnancy Center. Options deeply appreciates your support of this life affirming ministry for the woman, for the child, for life.

SNEAK PEEK INTO JULY:

Sunday, July 1st – VBS Celebration Sunday!

Combined service 10:00 am, no Sunday School.

Picnic following service.

**Summer Adult Combined Sunday School
starts Sunday, July 8th.**

We have good speakers and missionaries who will be teaching this summer. We hope to see you there.

God's Squad

Tuesday & Thursdays, July 10th thru August 2nd.

South Seaville Camp Meeting – July 15 thru July 29.

Erma Camp Meeting – July 20 thru July 29.

Church Picnic with Prayer, July 25th at 6:00 pm.

SH Trip: July 15 – July 21

JH Trip: July 30 – August 4



- When?** June 25 – 29 from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon
- Where?** First United Methodist Church of Collingswood
- Who?** Children ages 3 (and potty trained) through entering 6th grade
- Why?** Because we believe children in our church and community need to hear about:



Join us as a classroom helper, teacher, snack distributor, recreation helper, nursery aide, craft helper, registration assistant, administrative helper, greeter...there are so many opportunities to share God' love with kids and their families! If you can help, please contact Ellen Wagner at ewagner36@comcast.net or 856-904-4232. Another way to help is to contribute to the cost of VBS. Our June communion offering will go towards VBS. Or, you can send a check payable to FUMC to Maria in the church office – just be sure to clearly mark that it is for VBS.

Registration is through June 17th. You can register by printing out the form on our website and at the church office during normal business hours.

Don't forget to invite (and bring?) your kids, nieces, nephews, grandchildren and neighbors.

We'd like to decorate our facility to make this VBS experience memorable and exciting for the many children we know God will send to us. Do you have something you could lend us to create a cool experience? Maybe you have a kayak we could borrow? A ranger hat? A small tent? Camping gear? Lanterns? Just use your imagination! We would need them from June 18 - July 1. If you have something you can lend us, please contact Ellen Wagner through the church office (856.858.1186) or email.



THANKS!!!!



Gettin'
Crafty for
VBS

If you have any interest in aiding in the assembling of crafts for VBS (to include cutting, painting, gluing, bagging, etc) please e-mail Jennifer Schwehm with your interest.

Senior High (grades 9-12) meets on Sunday nights and Junior High (grades 6-8) meets on Wednesday nights, both from 6:00-8:00 pm (for relationship building and spiritual topical discussions), and everyone meets on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am (for deeper Bible teaching and spiritual life training) except for the following:

- ♦ All-ryver Serving – (last Sun; all grades) – *focused on meeting needs in our surrounding community*
- ♦ All-ryver Worship – (last Wed; all grades) – *experience God through music, teaching, and arts*

COMING EVENTS

Summer Trip Stuff:

G.O.S.P.E.L. L.I.F.E. (dates)

Sunday, 6/10 - 2nd team meeting (4:15 pm)

MANDATORY for everyone involved. Come with \$60 balance & completed assignments. Soft pretzels and drinks will be provided.

Great Escape (dates)

Wednesday, 6/20 - 2nd team meeting (4:45 pm)

MANDATORY for everyone involved. Come with \$75 & completed assignments. Dinner will be provided.

Scavenger Road Trip – Sunday 6/3 – (SH only)

More info is on the way, but mark your calendar now – you don't wanna miss this one! Be the first team to collect clues from all over town that will piece together directions to our ending place.





Scholarship/Graduation Sunday
Sunday 6/10 – 10:45 am

Join us today as we honor all our middle school, high school and college graduates in our worship service.

Happy Father's Day – Sunday, 6/17

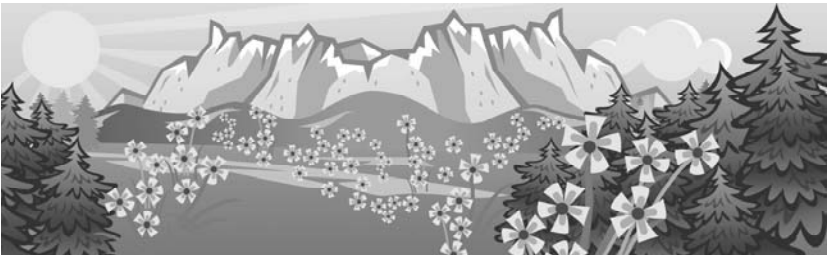
Senior High will not be meeting tonight, to give you the chance to do something extra special for your Dad today!



VBS (Vacation Bible School)

Monday 6/25 thru Friday 6/29

Another great opportunity for you to get involved in reaching out to kids of our community – recreation, snack, set-up, crafts and classroom helpers – there's a place for you! Talk to Shawn to see how you can get involved!



JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
			1 GNJ Annual Co 6:00 PM Youth Prep Night
5 Communion Offering for VBS 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Contemporary Worship Service 11:45 AM VBS volunteer training 6:30 PM Youth Staff	6 7:00 PM Finance Committee Mtg.	7 9:00 AM Mother's Bible Study	8 6:30 PM Men's Phillies Night
12 Student Recognition Sunday 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Contemporary Worship Service 4:30 PM fortysix10 team meeting	13 7:00 PM Missions Committee Mtg.	14 Flag Day	15 Collingswood H Baccalaureate 8:30 AM REPS 6:45 PM Master Uncommon Life
19 Father's Day Trinity Sunday 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Contemporary Worship Service	20 7:00 PM SPR Committee Mtg. 7:00 PM Trustees Committee Mtg.	21	22 4:30 PM Overfl Meeting 6:00 PM Junior 6:45 PM Master Uncommon Life
26 9:00 AM Summer Combined Adult Sunday School begins 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Contemporary Worship Service 5:30 PM Senior High Cookout	27 9:30 AM Vacation Bible School	28 9:30 AM Vacation Bible School	29 9:30 AM Vacati School 6:00 PM All rylv 6:45 PM Master Uncommon Life

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Conference Summer	2 GNJ Annual Conference 12:00 PM Noon Time Prayer 6:00 PM Praise Team Practice	3 GNJ Annual Conference	4 GNJ Annual Conference
Picnic/	9 12:00 PM Noon Time Prayer 6:00 PM Praise Team Practice	10 6:00 PM Youth Movie Night	11
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Armand and Jean LeBlanc

“Actually, I was more comfortable in the solitary confinement cell because there was enough room to lie down to sleep” said one man we went to visit this past week. He said this as opposed to the cell he was in with 40 other men for a few months of his confinement. What was his crime? He had become a follower of Jesus. He was held for a few months and then released and came to this country. Lift up K. who would like to join his wife and children who have already been assigned to another country. Praise the Father he is coming to meet with us on Sunday afternoons. May he be sustained may he continue to grow in his faith. Lift us up for wisdom as we meet with folks like this. May we have His words!

Our daughter Lori who serves as guidance counselor at West Nairobi School in Kenya has signed up for another year. She loves working with the students. They have 25 Seniors graduating this week and Lori has helped many of them with applications to various universities. This is only one of her many contributions. We are so proud of her! Please remember her in your prayers. She needs to raise up more support for this coming school year so lift that up for the father who provides. We are attaching her letter. If the Lord should lead you to give the instructions are there.

Thanks so much for your faithful partnership with us. We are so privileged to be here thanks to your prayers and gifts!

Dana and Debbie Cherry

Thank you so much for praying for the Turkish billboard evangelistic outreach. The campaign ended last week as the government insisted that all billboards and posters be removed and a fine was imposed by the government on our partner ministry in Turkey. Despite setbacks from government restrictions, there were 1250 unique hits to the evangelistic website. Considering this was the first attempt at something like this in Turkey, we are pleased with the results and trust that although the signage is now down, those who were introduced to the gospel through this campaign will continue to seek and eventually come to faith in Christ. Our partner

ministry in Turkey will continue to follow-up with those who responded and we trust that some of these folks will eventually turn their hearts to the Lord. Thank you so much for praying for eDOT and for this outreach event. There is much resistance from those who follow Islam and while they are seeking to stir up trouble for those who try to present Jesus as the only way of Salvation, we will not become discouraged.

On another note, we want to share our joy with you as our son, David (who will be 4 June 3rd) has confirmed to use in several ways (even through public confession via a prayer) that He has accepted Christ as His personal Savior. Nothing brings greater joy to a parent's heart than to know that their children have made a real and personal decision to trust Christ as their Savior! Thank you for continuing to pray for our family and specifically for our children.





Wings of Prayer

*Do his will. God will guide you.
Psalm 32:8*

Dear Partners in Prayer,

When we think about pleasing God our thoughts also go to pleasing others. God wants us to show kindness to our friends and being kind takes effort. He also wants us to love each other (John 13:34). Some people are just not very lovable so we must work a little harder and be patient with them to show that we care and Gods' love will prevail. God wants us to forgive others as He forgives us. Forgiving does not always happen easily, especially if we have been hurt by someone's actions. Our tendency is to become angry. But our anger only makes the matter worse. We are told in Colossians 3:8 to rid ourselves of anger. Your anger can never make things right in Gods sight. (James 1:20)

Another way to please our friends is to be understanding. If they want to tell us about something that is troubling them, give them your undivided attention and listen to them. We all need a shoulder to cry on at times. And don't give advice. God's advice is best. Christians should comfort each other. (Thess. 4:18) With all these things having been said about pleasing others, I would ask you to pray about it and God will show you the way. Prayer is the answer and if we pray according to God's will, he will give us what we ask for. (1 John 5:15)

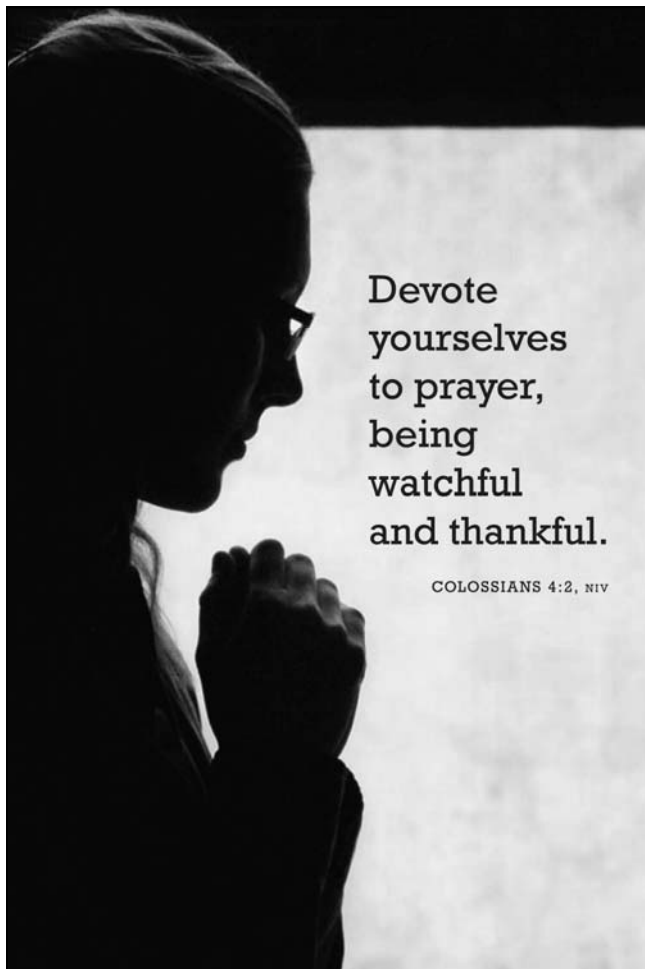
But the most important is to live to please God, and He will show us how to please others. And now I would ask you to pray for all who are going through difficult times. The list of their names is as follows:

*Barb Edelman, Nancy Marino, Robb Family, Joan Ferrara,
Judy Sharp, Rick Williams, Bill Gibbins, Nancy Tirpack,
Karl Abraham, Joan Smith, Carl Capece, Betty Strike, Lew*

& Mildred Smith, George Stevens, Christine Fink, Florence Keller, Warren Creely, Caroline Gerelus, Paul Gaehring.

Finally, dear friends – worship Him. Worship is reserved for God alone. In worship we ascribe to the Lord the glory due Him. Pray without ceasing.

Love from your prayer partner,
Betty Stoms





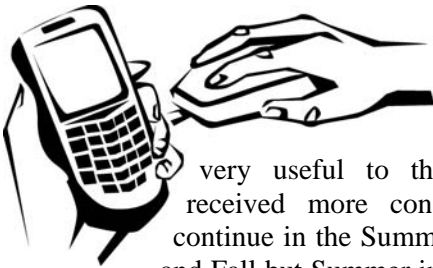
ELECTRONIC GIVING

First United Methodist Church, Collingswood NJ



What is it?

Electronic Giving (EG) is a new alternative way to donate. Cash and checks, of course, will always be accepted but some may voluntarily want to donate electronically. EG eliminates writing checks and using the multi-colored envelope system. It permits donors to support the church without being physically present due to travel, illness, second homes, etc. It is convenient for the donor and very useful to the Church because income is received more consistently. Church expenses continue in the Summer as they do in Winter, Spring, and Fall but Summer income is reduced when folks are away. With EG, donors contribute evenly all year and do not have to “catch up” in the Fall after their Summer absences.



How does a Donor Register?

EG donors sign up by either:

- 1) The church website www.fumccollingswood.org. Touch the “DONATE” button and complete the forms. This method may be used for Checking or Savings (EFT), Credit or Debit cards (MasterCard, Discover, and VISA).
- 2) Manually completing the paper “**Authorization Form**” available in the Church Office or on information tables around the Church. This method is only for Checking or Savings. The Authorization Form may be mailed or turned in to the Church Office, placed in the collection plates, or handed to Barbara Hamilton, our Financial Secretary.

Frequency of donations?

Each EG donor chooses one and only one: Weekly, Semi-Monthly, Monthly, or One-Time (website only). If in the past you have given both Weekly (white envelope) and Monthly (for other offerings), you must now select one giving frequency.

Church Fund Designations?

1. Local Ministries/Missions – This is equivalent to our White envelopes: 90% to Local Ministries and 10% to Missions.
2. Local Ministries – This fund used to be called “operations” or “current” but now is called what it is: Local Ministries. All ministries of the church depend on this fund which includes our staff, our buildings, our operating costs, Conference Shared Ministries, worship expenses, children’s ministries, youth ministries, young adults, etc. 100% goes to Local Ministries. Our 2012 budget here is \$376,000.
3. Missions – This is equivalent to our Blue envelope and primarily supports organizations founded by our church and missionaries from our church. Our 2012 budget here is \$103,400.
4. World Service – This is equivalent to our Yellow envelope. It supports Methodist missionaries both domestic and world wide.
5. Radio – This is equivalent to our Pink envelope. Our annual Radio ministry cost is \$19,500.

Servicer?

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Questions?

Contact Stan Sheaffer.

**Bring the whole tithe
into the storehouse...
and see if I will not
throw open the
floodgates of
heaven and pour
out so much blessing
that you will not have
room enough for it.**

Malachi 3:10





Birthdays

June 1	Betty MacNamara Jeremy Wallace	June 19	Linda Schoch
June 2	Joy Alexander Connor Twigg	June 20	Audrey Diehl Jim Doherty
June 3	Virginia Morrow	June 22	Luke Brown
June 4	Dave Ballinger	June 24	Aryana Zook
June 5	Thelma E. Neu Maxwell Schoch Samuel Schoch	June 25	Marian Haiges
June 6	Lisa Mountain	June 26	Florence Keller
June 13	Jean LeBlanc Dawn Molloy	June 27	Janice Bittle Dolores Gaehring
June 15	Shirl Latch	June 28	Prin Pappas Brian Steward
June 18	Virginia Armitage	June 29	Jason Meyers Nathanael Meyers

Anniversaries

June 1	James & Katherine Jungclaus
June 2	Phil & Kathy Boswell
June 21	Michael & Dawn Molloy
June 22	Dave & Ruth Ballinger

If you have not already done so, please give your dates (birth dates and anniversary dates) to the church office in writing or by e-mail: maria@fumccollingswood.org.





★ A FATHER'S ★ INSTRUCTION

★ Although babies don't come with instructions, ★
God tells parents how to raise their children.

Directions: Fill in the blanks with letters, using the number grid to find the correct coordinates. The first number goes across, and the second one goes down.

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2	m	b	o	k	h	u	s
3	e	n	c	x	t	p	f

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3,2 7,3 5,3 5,2 1,3 2,1 3,2 7,1 3,1 ”

EPHESIANS 6:4, NIV

Answers: “ ... bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.”

"Sweet" CARD

Make this Father's Day card using some of your dad's favorite candy.



What you need:

- Wrapped candy or candy bars
- Poster board or large piece of cardboard
- Markers
- Clear tape

What you do:

1. With an adult, purchase a variety of candy.
2. Using poster board and markers, create a poem or letter for your dad. Include the candy name(s) in your message. For a Snickers bar, you can write, "I love to snicker at your jokes!" For an Almond Joy, you can write, "Wishing you lots of joy this Father's Day!"
3. Tape the candy to your giant card and present it to your dad on Father's Day.

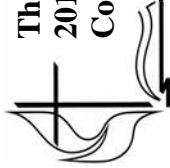
Bible Quiz

According to the Old Testament book of Hosea, who was Gomer?

- A. A promiscuous and adulterous woman
- B. Hosea's wife
- C. A symbol for Israel, beloved of God despite her sinfulness
- D. All of the above



Answer: D (See Hosea 1-2.)



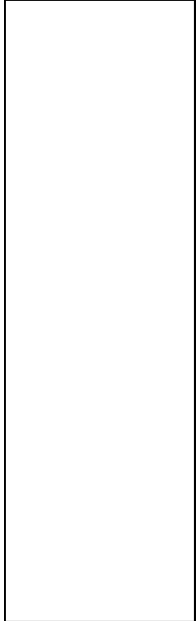
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